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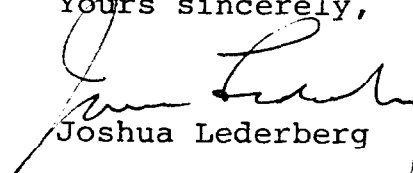
Dear Mr. Buchmann:

This is to respond to Mr. Ewing's letter of August 3, and its announcement of the Symposium on Cancer and Aging. This is indeed a subject of utmost gravity and challenge. In fact, I believe that the age-dependence of cancer may be one of the most provocative clues to the basic biology of the disease. During the forthcoming year, I will be undertaking advisory duties for the N.C.I. that will require my learning a great deal more about avenues of strategic planning. The symposium will be invaluable for my own education and communication of my colleagues' views.

Unfortunately, the dates of the symposium pose a difficult schedule conflict. As some mitigation, I will be elsewhere in Washington, and with luck I may be able to share at least part of my time with you. If that is not too unsatisfactory, please keep me on your list; and I will do the best I can.

My congratulations for your company's support of a good cause! An international congress will not do the actual hard work that is most needed; but we can hardly complain that we have too many incisive ideas. I trust more will be presented, and critically evaluated, during the discussions. I hope they will be provocative, and that sufficient funding can be elicited or redirected to bring them to fruition.

Yours sincerely,

  
Joshua Lederberg